

Introduced by Senator DenhamFebruary 15, 2007

An act to add Section 5101.1 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 287, as introduced, Denham. Vehicles: special license plates.

Under existing law, the Department of Motor Vehicles issues environmental and other special license plates. The issuance of some of those license plates is subject to additional fees.

This bill would authorize a person who is a family member, as the bill would define that term, of a member of the Armed Forces who was killed while serving on active duty in the military to apply for special license plates, subject to certain conditions. The bill would exempt the person from the additional fees. The special license plates would contain a gold star and the words "Gold Star Family."

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5101.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 5101.1. (a) A person otherwise eligible under this article who
- 4 is a family member of a member of the Armed Forces who was
- 5 killed while serving on active duty in the military may apply for
- 6 special license plates issued for a vehicle under this article.
- 7 (b) The applicant shall by proof satisfactory to the department
- 8 show that he or she is a family member of a member of the Armed
- 9 Forces who was killed while serving on active duty in the military.

1 (c) Special license plates issued pursuant to this section shall
2 contain a gold star and the words “Gold Star Family.”

3 (d) Sections 5106 and 5108 do not apply to this section.

4 (e) Upon the death of a person issued special license plates
5 pursuant to this section, the special license plates shall be
6 transferred to the surviving spouse, if he or she requests, or shall
7 be returned to the department within 60 days after the death of the
8 plateholder or upon the expiration of the vehicle registration,
9 whichever occurs first.

10 (f) For the purposes of this section, “family member” means all
11 of the following:

12 (1) Widow.

13 (2) Widower.

14 (3) Biological parent.

15 (4) Adoptive parent.

16 (5) Stepparent.

17 (6) Foster parent in loco parentis.

18 (7) Biological child.

19 (8) Adoptive child.

20 (9) Stepchild.

21 (10) Sibling.

22 (11) Half-sibling.

23 (12) Grandparent.

24 (13) Grandchild.